

Virginia Department of Emergency Management
Virginia Emergency Operations Center
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Spot Report # 1
Hurricane Gustav and Tropical Storm Hanna
29 August 2008 1600 Hours

***Summary:**

A State of Emergency has been declared in Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi as officials begin preparations for possible landfall on the Central Louisiana coast. FEMA is deploying Federal assets to the Gulf Coast area to assist those States likely to be affected by Gustav.

Hurricane Gustav is forecast to intensify as it crosses the western end of Cuba and enters the Gulf of Mexico. Gustav could intensify to a CAT 3 hurricane prior to making landfall on Monday or Tuesday somewhere between Texas and Alabama.

T.S. Hanna at 1100 hours, 29 August is forecasted to turn West - Southwest in approximately 48 hours, slow its forward speed, with a projected track towards the southern Bahamas thereby significantly lowering the possibility of any direct impacts to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

VDEM / VEOC:

- The Virginia Emergency Operations Center remains at routine operations while monitoring the current movement of both Tropical Storms Gustav and Hanna and is maintaining situational awareness.
- The VEOC participated in DHS senior management teleconferences at 1000 and 1300 hours and a FEMA Region III Operations Chief's conference call at 1130 hours outlining the initial Federal plans in response to these potentially dangerous storms.
- The VEOC is responding to Emergency Management Assistance Compact requests from the State of Louisiana and potential requests from other states in the Gulf Region.

EMAC Resource Requests:

- A State EMAC broadcast has been sent reference for 12 EMS Type II ambulance strike teams. Currently the Office of Emergency Medical Service is handling this request.
- The VEOC is indentifying 2nd A Team members for possible deployment to operations in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.
- The VEOC is identifying Law Enforcement Task Forces, Incident Management Teams (IMT) and Base Camp Operations personnel in anticipation of EMAC requests and deployment.

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